

PETERSBURG WILL OPPOSE CHANGE

City to Fight Proposed Consolidation of Customs Districts.

LEADING EXPORT MARKET

Death of Former Citizen. Monthly Meeting of Council To-Night.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street (Telephone 1485).

Petersburg, Va., January 6. The proposition of the Treasury Department looking to the consolidation of customs districts has aroused a great deal of interest in Petersburg, inasmuch as it is proposed to consolidate Petersburg with Richmond, under the direction of the collector of the port of Richmond. It is learned here to-day that the matter will probably come before Congress to-morrow, but in a different form—a recommendation embodying the consolidation of all the Virginia districts into one. Senators Martin and Swanson have become interested in the proposed plan, and will be consulted on the subject to-morrow by Secretary Martin, of the Chamber of Commerce, and other representative citizens. In opposition to consolidation, they left for Washington to-night. Independent of all other reasons for retaining Petersburg as a separate customs port, it will be urged that it is the greatest export tobacco market in the country, and that nine-tenths of the manufactured products of tobacco exported from this country are sent out from this city. It is true that the government derives no revenue from this source, but the government encourages exports, and it is held that it should maintain the port, from which such immense exportations are annually made. The people of Petersburg and its commercial and business organizations vigorously oppose the proposed consolidation plan. In this connection it may be said that Petersburg has two candidates for the office of collector of the port, now held by H. C. Willson. They are Bernard Mann and James Brockwell, and both of them are very strongly indorsed.

Former Citizen Dead.
A telegram from Norfolk announced the death of Stephen C. James, a former well known citizen of Petersburg, which occurred on Sunday at the home of his son, Clarence P. James, in that city. During the war Mr. James served as sergeant in the Purcell Battery, and made a good record as a soldier.

Seriously Paralyzed.
Miss Dorothy Lavesay, daughter of William Lavesay, of Prince George County, was stricken with paralysis several days ago and is reported to be in a serious condition.

Meeting of Council.
The monthly meeting of the Common Council will be held to-morrow evening, outside of the regular routine business, it is not known that any new matters of interest will be introduced, though there may be. The

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proposed grading and improvement of River Street may come up, if the committee appointed to ascertain the damages of property on the street, by the proposed grading, is ready to report.

Infant Abandoned.
A white male infant, apparently two or three years old, was found last evening by a visitor at Fernside Park, where he had been abandoned. The child was taken in and cared for by Mr. and Mrs. John Dean, who live at the Park, and it is said will be adopted by Ensign and Mrs. Hempel, of the Salvation Army. There is no clue to the parents of the child.

Expected to Recover.
Master Tommie Pond, the nine-year-old son of Mrs. Esie Pond, on Lombard Street, who was accidentally shot some days ago by a playmate, was operated on at the hospital to-day and the ball, 22-caliber, recovered. The ball passed through the boy's right side and lodged in the left side, penetrating the liver. He is expected to recover.

General News Notes.
James D. Mason, teller of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company, continues extremely ill in his home on Union Street.

Petersburg Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at a meeting held to-day, decided to bestow crosses of honor on veterans and others entitled to them on the evening of January 21 in A. P. Hill Camp Hall.

A stray dog got into the henhouse of Thomas M. Young, on St. Mark Street, last night and killed forty-five hens and seven ducks.

Mrs. B. W. Page, of Lumberton, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. W. Butcher, on Washington Street.

Business assignments in Petersburg last year were very few, and of small consequence.

Wednesday night, at Odd-Fellows' Hall, Petersburg Council, Knights of Columbus, will give a New Year's entertainment. A program of music has been arranged, and refreshments will be served.

The Greeks and Russians resident in Petersburg will celebrate to-morrow as their Christmas Day, according to the custom in their countries.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Rain Tuesday; colder in west and extreme north portions; Wednesday, rain or snow and colder.

North Carolina—Rain Tuesday; colder in interior; Wednesday, snow or rain and colder.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature 64

3 P. M. temperature 66

Maximum temperature up to 66

P. M. temperature 66

Minimum temperature up to 40

P. M. temperature 40

Mean temperature 53

Normal temperature 53

Excess in temperature yesterday 15

Deficiency in temperature since March 1 12

Accum. excess in temperature since January 1 50

Deficiency in rainfall since March 1 4.42

Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1 32

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature 62

Humidity 82

Wind—direction S.

Wind—velocity 7

Weather Clear

Rainfall last twelve hours 0

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place. Ther. H. T. W. Weather.

Ashville 40 62 56 Cloudy

Atlanta 66 70 54 Cloudy

Atlantic City 52 54 50 Cloudy

Boston 62 64 40 Cloudy

Buffalo 46 48 36 Rain

Calgary 4 12 4 Clear

Charleston 66 68 58 Cloudy

Chicago 30 32 24 Snowing

Denver 10 12 18 Clear

Duluth 2 4 14 Clear

Galveston 44 46 44 Rain

Hatteras 62 64 60 Clear

Havre 20 22 16 Clear

Jacksonville 70 72 62 Clear

Kansas City 8 10 8 Cloudy

Louisville 46 48 46 Cloudy

Montgomery 68 70 60 Clear

New Orleans 72 74 70 Rain

New York 54 56 42 Cloudy

Norfolk 64 66 56 Cloudy

Okla. City 4 6 8 Snow

Pittsburgh 52 54 52 Cloudy

Raleigh 64 66 56 Cloudy

St. Louis 24 26 24 Sleeting

St. Paul 0 2 4 Clear

San Francisco 44 46 34 Clear

Savannah 46 48 32 Cloudy

Spokane 18 20 12 Snow

Tampa 74 76 64 Cloudy

Wash. D. C. 56 58 46 Rain

Wichita 58 60 46 Rain

Wilmington 58 60 46 Rain

Worcester 58 60 46 Rain

Wytheville 58 60 46 Rain

BASEBALL STAR IS DOWN AND OUT

Once Famous Soxalexis Told to Beat It After Sentenced for Panhandling.

Andrew Soxalexis, once the pride of a million fans when he was a star in the Cleveland Club of the American League, back in the early nineties, is down and out. He appeared yesterday morning in the charge of being drunk and begging in the street. When he pleaded guilty he was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

When Patrolman "Pop" Tate, himself a former ball player with a wide reputation, having won distinction with the Boston club of the Nationals, led the prisoner to the pen, he recognized "Old Sox."

"Sure, I'm Soxalexis," the prisoner replied to a question from "Pop."

"How'd you get in this fix?"

"Took the booze route. Couldn't leave it alone when I played ball and can't leave it alone now." The story of his downfall followed.

"If I get you out of this will you beat it out of town?" Tate asked.

"Surest thing you know. I'm trying to get to Charleston, S. C., where I once played ball and have friends."

Justice Crutchfield gave him six hours to vanish from the city.

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BRING TRUE BILL AGAINST OFFICER

County Constable Davis Indicted by Grand Jury for Assault on Motorman.

The grand jury summoned for the January term of Circuit Court, which Judge Scott opened in Henrico County this morning at 10 o'clock, returned indictments against eleven prisoners, the most notable among which was that against County Constable Thomas A. Davis, charged with felonious assault on Motorman I. N. Throckmorton, of the Richmond and Appahannock River Railway.

Thursday, January 9, was fixed as the date for Davis's trial. His case is the result of a general row between county officers and street car men, which occurred at Fair Oaks on December 14. At a preliminary hearing held before Magistrate Puryear and Watson last Friday, Davis was held for the grand jury on probable cause, but was dismissed because of notice from attorneys for the railway company that proceedings would be instituted to remove them. It is understood that action looking to that end will be begun at this term of court.

Grave Offense.
Buddie Debero, colored, was indicted for a capital offense against Miss Louise Drees, which took place on the Broad Street Road during October last. Debero has been confined in the county jail since his capture immediately after the crime was committed.

Earl Rattlebaugh and Luther Phillips, two young boys, who were dismissed by Magistrate R. A. Smith several weeks ago